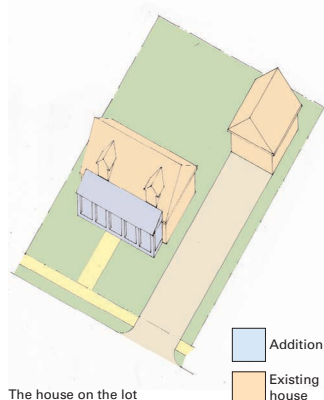


Addition No. 3: Colonial Revival Front Porch

One of the simplest building additions that can dramatically improve the appearance of a house is to add a full or even partial front porch. Many Norfolk houses of the early-to-mid twentieth-century have small entry porches or just canopies. Although functional for rain protection, these porches are not suited for outdoor living space. To be a comfortable and functional exterior space, the porch should be 8 feet in depth.

When considering a porch addition, consider the location of the porch relative to the depth of your front yard, the massing of your house, the approach to the porch (side or front entry) as well as the front door location and window articulation. For this example, a full front porch works best. The house has a symmetrical window composition, centered front door and a generous front yard which can accommodate a deep sitting porch.

Building on the Colonial Revival tendencies of this house, a full front porch addition (properly detailed in terms of column type, height, and diameter; railing selection; eave details; and roof pitch) can quite economically add usable space while also lending a "Colonial Williamsburg" look to this house.



The house on the lot



Existing Norfolk Colonial Revival house



Existing elevation



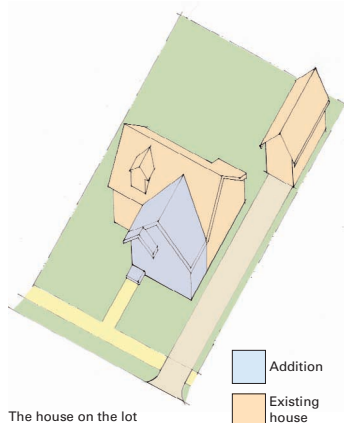
Proposed elevation with full front porch

Addition No. 4: Coastal Cottage Nose or Front Addition

If you have a deep front yard, a typical means to enlarge a house is to add on living space, in this case a nose or front addition, by enlarging a family room or swapping the living room with the dining room and then adding on more space at the front of the house. These additions are typically 12 feet or more in depth to provide for a comfortable and functional space.

This type of addition can help to provide both usable interior space as well as provide or improve a vestibule or entry foyer. When considering this type of addition, determine if your front yard is deep enough to accommodate a 12- to 16-foot wing yet still maintain a front yard that is in keeping with your neighborhood. This addition also provides an opportunity to enhance the architectural style of your house through appropriate doors, windows, trim and style elements such as brackets, half-timbering, exposed rafter tails, dormers, or accent windows.

The proposed elevation at right builds upon the Coastal Cottage style of this house by cladding the addition in the same material as the house, matching the eave detailing of the house in the addition, and adding a simple entry porch and accent window on the second floor.



The house on the lot



Existing Norfolk Coastal Cottage house



Existing elevation



Proposed elevation